

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GENETIC ENGINEERING OF LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS (Attorney Docket No. 66040-9651-01), the specification of which was filed with my authority, on May 3, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/530,663.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

And I hereby appoint Joseph A. Gemignani (Reg. No. 19,482), Christopher B. Austin (Reg. No. 41,592), Robert E. Clemency (Reg. No. 19,287), David L. De Bruin (Reg. No. 35,489), Gerald L. Fellows (Reg. No. 36,133), Randall W. Fieldhack (Reg. No. 43,611), Gregory J. Hartwig (Reg. No. P-46,761), Daniel S. Jones (Reg. No. 42,697), Richard L. Kaiser (Reg. No. 46,158), Timothy M. Kelley (Reg. No. 34,201), Casimir F. Laska (Reg. No. 30,862), Edward R. Lawson, Jr. (Reg. No. 41,931), Richard H. Marschall (Reg. No. 39,290), Thomas A. Miller (Reg. No. 36,871), Kevin P. Moran (Reg. No. 37,193), Andrew R. Pèret (Reg. No. 41,246), David R. Price (Reg. No. 31,557), Thomas S. Reynolds II (Reg. No. 45,262), David B. Smith (Reg. No. 27,595), Derek C. Stettner (Reg. No. 37,945), Billie Jean Strandt (Reg. No. 36,940), Sheldon L. Wolfe (Reg. No. 43,996), Paul F. Donovan (Reg. No. 39,962), Jill A. Fahrlander (Reg. No. 42,518), Grady J. Frenchick (Reg. No. 29,018), Karen B. King (Reg. No. 41,898), Linda Blair Meier (Reg. No. 39,769), Teresa J. Welch (Reg. No. 33,049), Robert S. Beiser (Reg. No. 28,687), Witold A. Ziarno (Reg. No. 39,888), and each or any of them, my attorneys or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

TO: ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN OR PERTAINING TO THIS APPLICATION

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a)

which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.
08/969,046

Filing Date
12 November 1997

Status
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